

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held at Cupar Fire Station on Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at 18:30

Trustees present: Joan Brown, (Chair), Alana Paterson-Brown, Jill Dawson, Carol de Klerk, Hazel Fletcher, Chloe Patrick, Kitty Peat, Kay Rooney, Susan Usher and Mary Gibbon (Sec)

Apologies: Abby-Leigh Doig, Ewan McGhee

Vote of Thanks

Joan opened the meeting by thanking Libby, on behalf of trustees, for her sterling work with the charity. Libby has resigned as a trustee with Lucky Ewe and we wish her luck with her new role as a community council member.

Minutes of the trustee meeting held on 7th January 2026

Matters Arising

- Caroline has created an incident form for use at the farm which should then be sent for recording on Share Point; all staff and volunteers should be alerted to this
- Susan suggested that the CAMHS group when its session is finished, could continue as individual interns; Susan will liaise with Yasmine and Gillian on this
- It was agreed that, to further our PR recruitment campaign, Gillian will produce a picture presentation; Caroline will work on a poster and Jill will liaise with schools
- Kay will investigate transport /lack of transport options and Gillian will enquire of interns if this is an issue
- Susan will contact Pete at Flourish Gardens for possible help with the visqueen

There were no other matters arising and the Minutes were approved

Safeguarding

The named Safeguarding trustee is Susan Usher and the Safeguarding staff member is Gillian, Support and development.

this was gratefully received by the meeting

Lucky Ewe Policies were approved for the coming year

Treasurer's Report

Hazel updated the meeting regarding finances. We are in a fairly comfortable position with a cash total available of £135,189. Salaries are ring fenced at a total of £69,415 and just under £66,000 available to cover the Reserve, committed costs and upcoming costs.

Hazel thanked Carol for project managing much of our barn installation and liaising so efficiently with electricians, plumbers and joiners.

Item 1: Summary of reports submitted by staff to trustee meeting (NB: all full reports have been sent out to trustees for reading at leisure)

Administrator

Four fundraising applications are pending, two letters of introduction to Limbourne Trust and Sheepdrove have been sent, and further applications are in the pipeline.

Caroline thanked everyone for their support in her first year in post; this is very much appreciated.

Support and Development

Gillian reported that we have had thirty-eight interns so far this year; sixteen are currently with us and eighteen have moved on to other opportunities. Four interns did not complete their placements. We have thirty active volunteers and over one hundred volunteers helped with the tree planting. Twenty-four Saltire Awards have been issued, including two for 100 hours

and one for 200 hours. Three new progression partnerships are in place with five other opportunities being explored.

Farm Operations Leader

The Agricultural Learning Centre build is now complete. We have water plumbed in readily available for sheep and humans, two sinks, one as part of our kitchen unit and one for the barn, and electricity. All lighting has been installed, including security lights around the barn and lights in both areas of the ALC. The joiners continue to work on the office area and our social area is gradually coming together.

5,000 trees and hedging have now been planted due to the wonderful effort put in by all volunteers, including volunteers from our wider community, interns, staff and trustees. Pruning will take place on 13th and 15th April 2026

A detailed report from the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust will form part of the AGM.

Horticultural Lead

Nathan detailed his first month's plan for Lucky Ewe's horticultural project: this includes ordering necessary resources, polytunnel construction, preparing for first sowings and putting composting systems in place.

Item 2: Funders and Fundraising

The meeting discussed strategies for increasing public awareness of and community involvement with Lucky Ewe. It was agreed to form an Events Team comprising Caroline, Jill, Alana and Kay. A date for its first meeting will be agreed by its members.

A meeting to plan for a Development Day will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 19:30 at Costa, South Road, Cupar. All trustees and staff are invited.

The following funder applications are ongoing: Fife Environment Trust, £20,000 June decision; Delamere Foundation, £5,000, decision 30th of March; Screwfix Foundation, £5,000, with a decision expected in June; Action Earth, £250, decision in April

It was suggested that we hold a Barn Gathering at Lucky Ewe farm in June.

Item 3: Rural Skills

Six interns will receive certificates for completing the SQA Skills for Work: Rural Skills Level 4 course. The potato course will begin at the end of May/early June

Any other business

- Rowan Duncan has donated her proceeds of £720.00 from running the Rome Marathon to Lucky Ewe. This is very welcome news and Rowan will be invited to Lucky Ewe farm for a tour and photo opportunity.
- The draw for the Name the Lamb competition has taken place and the winner contacted
- It was agreed that we cannot accommodate the group from Indianapolis who wished to visit in January 2027. Caroline to inform Jeff Shields of Covenant Christian High School
- Jill will lead on the Safety Management Strategy and Graeme will contact the Royal Engineers regarding Lucky Ewe turning circle
- Lucky Ewe AGM will be held at the Old Parish Centre on Wednesday 22nd April at 18:30

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 20:30

The next trustee meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 18:30

Venue to be decided.